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TAGS: EDAP, ETRD, IN, US
SUBJECT: TEXTILE PROBLEMS

1. IN RECENT DAYS A NUMBER OF INDIAN TEXTILE PRODUCERS
HAVE MET WITH EMBOFF TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN ABOUT TEXTILE
EXPORTS TO THE U.S. ACCORDING TO PRODUCERS, "MILLIONS" OF
INDIANS WILL BE THROWN OUT OF WORK IF THERE ARE NO MORE
EXPORTS OF MILL-MADE AND HANDLOOM APPAREL TO U.S. FOR THE
REMAINDER OF 1978. THEY CLAIM THAT GARMENT SHIPMENTS
HAVE BEEN MADE AFTER JULY 7 AND ARE BEING HELD UP BY U.S.
CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES. EXPORTERS ARE ALSO WORRIED THAT
THE 1979 QUOTA FOR APPAREL WILL BE EXHAUSTED IN THE FIRST
FEW MONTHS OF NEXT YEAR.

2. AT AUGUST 7 MEETING EMBOFF WAS INFORMED BY SEVERAL
PRODUCERS THAT "PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY" IN FRONT OF U.S. EMBASSY
WAS BEING PLANNED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, PERHAPS IN THE
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NEXT FEW DAYS, TEXTILE PRODUCERS/EXPORTERS IN THE
NEW DELHI AREA APPARENTLY PLAN TO MARCH TO EMBASSY
TO PRESENT A PETITION ASKING FOR A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE
IN QUOTA FOR APPAREL. EMBASSY OFFICER WAS TOLD THAT
DEMONSTRATION WOULD NOT BE ANTI-AMERICAN OR POLITICAL
IN NATURE, BUT ESSENTIALLY A REFLECTION OF THE FACT THAT
TEXTILE PRODUCERS WERE BEGINNING TO LAY OFF WORKERS AND

SHUT DOWN OPERATIONS. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT ABOUT 25 LOCAL CABLES WERE SENT TO THE AMBASSADOR OVER THE WEEKEND PROTESTING AGAINST U.S. QUOTAS AND CLAIMING UNEMPLOYMENT, STARVATION, ETC., IF NOTHING WAS DONE. WE WERE TOLD THAT SIMILAR CABLES HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE TO FOCUS USG ATTENTION ON THIS PROBLEM.

3. ON AUGUST 8 EMBOFF MET WITH MINISTRY OF COMMERCE JOIN SECRETARY DAS TO INFORM HIM ABOUT THESE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY PLANNED DEMONSTRATION. DAS ALSO NOTED THAT, AS FAR AS HE WAS AWARE, NO MILL-MADE OR HANDLOOM APPAREL, EXCEPT PERHAPS FOR A STRAY SHIPMENT, WAS BEING HELD UP BY U.S. CUSTOMS. HE SAID THAT THE GOI HAD NOW ALLOCATED TO INDIAN EXPORTERS FULL 1978 QUOTA FOR GROUP II AND FOR FOUR SENSITIVE CATEGORIES OF MILL-MADE/HANDLOOM GARMENTS, ALTHOUGH IN LATTER CASE NOT ALL SHIPMENTS HAD BEEN MADE TO US UNDER THE ALLOCATION. GOHEEN

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